

**MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE
CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

October 25th through October 31st 2013

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/mvpdtx>

E-MAIL: mvpdtx@mvpdtx.org

For quick reference in reporting crimes or suspicious activity, program our dispatch number into the speed dial of your home and cellular telephone:

713-365-3700

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY

BUNKER HILL

On October 26th an officer responded to the 500 block of Knipp Road in reference to an identity theft. An unknown person opened an account online and out of state in the victim's name. This case is currently under investigation.

On October 27th an officer responded to the 200 block of Gessner Road in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. There was no sign of forced entry and cellular telephone and cash were taken from the vehicle. This case is currently under investigation.

On October 28th an officer responded to the 2-90 block of Williamsburg Lane in reference to an identity theft. An account was opened online and out of state through a Speedy Cash company. This case is currently under investigation.

PINEY POINT

On October 26th an officer responded to the 11400 block of Shadow Way in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. It was discovered that the burglary originally occurred in the City of Houston.

On October 29th an officer responded to the 1-99 block of Woodsedge in reference to an attempted identity theft. An unknown individual attempted to open numerous accounts in the victim's name. The suspect was unsuccessful in opening the accounts. This case is currently under investigation.

HUNTERS CREEK

On October 25th an officer responded to the 10900 block of Wickline Drive in reference to a theft. This case is currently under investigation.

On October 28th an officer responded to the 8500 block of Katy Freeway in reference to a burglary of a vehicle. The victim had walked into the establishment for a few minutes and when she came out her passenger window was broken out and her purse was stolen. This case is currently under investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Thefts from vehicles occur at all hours, day and night. Most auto-burglaries are crimes of opportunity, that are preventable. From what I have seen, most car burglaries occur when something to steal is in plain view. It only takes a little extra effort to secure your valuables, but it will take only a few seconds more for a thief to break in and steal valuables left in plain sight.

Don't leave valuables in your car. That sounds like "common sense", but drivers/passengers do leave items of value in plain view every day. If you leave valuable items visible in your car, your car is automatically a target.

If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. This includes packages, backpacks, gym bags, GPS units, MP3 players, and so forth.

One reason SUVs and pickups are common auto-burglary targets is because they don't have a "trunk" to hold valuables — the driver/passenger generally just "hides" their valuables "out of sight". The thieves know this, and do check glove compartments, behind seats, and under seats. It only takes a few seconds to check all the "usual" hiding places.

Once home, unload your valuables immediately. Do not store valuables in your car any longer than necessary, and certainly never overnight.

Don't leave any "sign" that there might be valuables in your vehicle, such as docking stations or connector cables. Leave nothing in "plain sight" that might make your vehicle worth "investigating" by a thief; not even loose coins or a CD.

Lock ALL your vehicle's doors even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time. Every year, we have items stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was only going to be gone "just for a second". It only takes seconds to steal your valuables! It's not uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles and check vehicle doors to see if they are unlocked and to look in them as they pass. Don't leave **any** window open or even cracked open, including vent/wing windows and sunroofs.

Mark Stokes
Detective
Memorial Villages Police Department